GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:265
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001
CONVERSION OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSES OF NATIONAL LEADERS INTO NATIONAL MONUMENT MUSEUM
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;RATTAN LAL KATARIA

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residential houses of national leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel have been declared as National Monument/converted into Museum by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to declare the birth place of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Cuttack and convert the old residence of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar into a national museum; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.265 ASKE SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA AND SHRI BHARTRUHARI MEHTAB FOR ANSWER ON 15-3-2001 REGARDING CONVERSI RESIDENTIAL HOUSES OF NATIONAL LEADERS INTO NATIONAL MONUMENT/MUSEUM

(a) & (b): The house in Porbandar in which Mahatma Gandhi was born, was taken over by the Archeological Survey of India as a protected monument. The house is protected but there is no museum in that. Adjacent to that is a memorial run by a private trust. Anand Bhawan and Swaraj Bhawan in Allahabad are maintained by private Trusts. Teen Murti House where Jawaharlal Nehru lived for a long time as Prime Minister of India now houses Nehru Memorial Museum & Library which maintains personalia Museum portraying the life and times of the different phases of the Indian freedom movement. The ancestral house of Sardar Patel is maintained by the Sardar Patel Trust.

(c) & (d): Jankinath Bhawan where Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was born was declared as a State Memorial by the Government of Orissa in 1991. There is a high level Trust under the chairmanship of Chief Minister of Orissa for management of the building. Govt. are eager to support this trust and the Govt of Orissa is developing this place as an appropriate commemorative institution. The proposal of Govt of Orissa is awaited.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has released an amount of Rs.7.12 crores to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi for acquisition of the land and property at Alipur Road Delhi where Dr. Ambedkar had breathed his last.